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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 425

By Wilder

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Dr. Joe Harold Hunt of Alamo.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Joe Harold Hunt, an accomplished veterinarian and highly respected community leader; and

WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Crockett County, Dr. Hunt was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Born in Fruitland to Walter and Sudie Hunt, Joe Hunt graduated from Peabody High School in Trenton prior to entering the Merchant Marines during World War II; he attended Murray State University before matriculating at Auburn University to study veterinary medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunt opened the first veterinary clinic in Crockett County following his graduation and licensure in 1953 and served the good people there and in the surrounding counties for nearly 48 remarkable years; and

WHEREAS, He contributed significantly to his profession as a member of the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, Greatly respected and admired by those who knew him, Dr. Hunt gave of his time and immeasurable talents as a member of the Crockett County Board of Health and as a Board Director of the Bank of Alamo; he was also a stalwart supporter of the Boy Scouts of America and was awarded the Silver Beaver Award by the West Tennessee Area Council of Scouting in 1973; and

WHEREAS, He served with acumen and probity as a member of the Alamo School Board for 12 years and was formerly on the Board of Directors at the Lauderdale County Bank; he was also a past board member of the Crockett County Country Club; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunt was a lifelong Democrat and an ardent supporter of Crockett County High School sports; he was honored by the school during a game this past season for his many years of faithful attendance; and

WHEREAS, He evinced his strong religious faith as a member of the Fruitland Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Hunt was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, He enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Etta Sappington Hunt, and their four sons: Dr. Joe W. Hunt and his wife, Cynthia, of Ripley; Mark W. Hunt and his wife, Heather, of McKinney, Texas; Dr. H. Bennett Hunt of Alamo and William E. Hunt of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunt will also be missed by his loving grandchildren, Wade and Walter Hunt of Ripley, and Hanna, Meredith and Elizabeth Hunt of McKinney, Texas; his brother, Walter E. Hunt, Jr. of Trenton; and two sisters, Fancheon Dooley of Trenton and Mary Hunt of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunt leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Dr. Joe Harold Hunt of Alamo, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his dedicated service to his community as a veterinarian and civic leader, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with dedication and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Hunt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.